



# Elmore County Drug and DUI Court Update

**July 2014**

**We are proud to say...**

- 18 participants are parenting
- 4 babies born to sober parents while in the program, with two on the way!



**Upcoming Events**

4th Annual All Rise Golf Tournament 8/9

3rd Annual Recovery Walk & Crawdad Feed 9/27



**Current Information**

- 29 participants, 5 pending
- 3 DUI, 6 Felony DUI, 20 Felony Drug offenses
- 13 Successful graduates
- 2 re-offenses post graduation
- 11 Terminated Unsuccessful
- 80% Retention Rate

Year	Total Drug Arrests MHPD/EC SO	Total DUI Arrests MHPD/EC SO
2010	34	115
2011	23	161
2012	50	107
2013	54	123

**Employment and Education**

- Currently 23 of 29 participants are employed—average duration of continued employment is 12.5 months
- 5 were employed upon entrance
- 6 actively searching for employment and completing community service work weekly
- Participants are reliable, tested several times per week, and progress at work is tracked and mandatory by court
- 9 participants working toward GED, 19 with HS diploma or GED

**Community Benefits**

- Car wash to benefit Extrication
- The Good the Bad and the Authority 3rd Annual Softball Game
- Easter Baskets for elderly
- Sober Softball Team in City league
- Hygiene drive
- Sober Bunco Group
- Youth Center summer hours
- Al-anon Group
- Landscaping for Elderly in community
- Food Drive

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*The mission of the Elmore County Drug and DUI Court (ECDDC) is to advance the safety and well-being of our community, conserve Justice System resources and break the cycle of alcohol and drug addiction among non-violent criminal offenders. These goals will be achieved by providing offenders with comprehensive treatment and education, and increasing offender accountability through intensive court supervision designed to help participants gain control of their lives and reduce recidivism.*

#### **Drug Courts Reduce Crime**

FACT: Nationwide, 75% of Drug Court graduates remain arrest-free at least two years after leaving the program.

FACT: Rigorous studies examining long-term outcomes of individual Drug Courts have found that reductions in crime last at least 3 years and can endure for over 14 years.

FACT: The most rigorous and conservative scientific “meta-analyses” have all concluded that Drug Courts significantly reduce crime as much as 45 percent more than other sentencing options.

#### **Drug Courts Save Money**

FACT: Nationwide, for every \$1.00 invested in Drug Court, taxpayers save as much as \$3.36 in avoided criminal justice costs alone.

FACT: When considering other cost offsets such as savings from reduced victimization and healthcare service utilization, studies have shown benefits range up to \$27 for every \$1 invested.

FACT: Drug Courts produce cost savings ranging from \$3,000 to \$13,000 per client. These cost savings reflect reduced prison costs, reduced revolving-door arrests and trials, and reduced victimization.

#### **Drug Courts Ensure Compliance**

FACT: Unless substance abusing/addicted offenders are regularly supervised by a judge and held accountable, 70% drop out of treatment prematurely.

FACT: Drug Courts provide more comprehensive and closer supervision than other community-based supervision programs.

FACT: Drug Courts are six times more likely to keep offenders in treatment long enough for them to get better.

#### **Drug Courts Combat meth addiction**

FACT: For methamphetamine-addicted people, Drug Courts increase treatment program graduation rates by nearly 80%.

FACT: When compared to eight other programs, Drug Courts quadrupled the length of abstinence from methamphetamine.

FACT: Drug Courts reduce methamphetamine use by more than 50% compared to outpatient treatment alone.

#### **Drug Courts Restore Families**

FACT: Parents in Family Drug Court are twice as likely to go to treatment and complete it.

FACT: Children of Family Drug Court participants spend significantly less time in out-of-home placements such as foster care.

FACT: Family re-unification rates are 50% higher for Family Drug Court participants.